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Dear Mat:

At our last meeting in New York, I summarized the present position of the Survey and suggested, as a working basis, a rough time table which we might follow from now until the time of completion. There was general agreement with my suggestion that we try to complete the ground work (that is, the basic inquiries in the various departments and agencies, as well as summaries of our findings) by the first of October, and then I am to have a first draft of the final report ready by the first of November and a second draft by the first of December.

Only two weeks remain until the first of October, and I hope that it will be possible during that time to make the initial inquiries of the FBI so that we will be able to identify the problems which concern them and decide whether to pursue them further. Here are some of the questions which I think we should explore with the FBI:

The problem of CIA security investigations which FBI has been unable to make for CIA;

FBI methods of personnel recruitment and training and their possible applicability to CIA;

The extent to which the FBI requires and obtains intelligence items and intelligence estimates from CIA and other agencies;

The extent to which the FBI turns over to CIA information in which CIA has an interest (for example, suspect diplomats in the United States, suspect travellers proceeding abroad, suspect firms with foreign connections);

Cooperation between the FBI and CIA in the handling of agent problems (for example, double agents);

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Exchange of information with CIA and other agencies regarding intelligence methods and personalities;

The handling of intelligence and covert operations through foreign nationality groups, refugees, and defectors in the United States.

I have done nothing in regard to these questions except to pick up odd bits of information here and there. In accordance with our understanding, I have stayed strictly away from the FBI. I hope that we will be able to go into these questions more thoroughly as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Blum

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